(based on data from 03/01/1996 to 02/28/2001)

Rio Grande Below Falcon Reservoir

Segment: 2302 Rio Grande Basin

Basin number: 23 **Basin group:** E

Water body description: From a point 10.8 km (6.7 miles) downstream of the International Bridge in

Cameron County to Falcon Dam in Starr County

Water body classification: Classified

Water body type: Freshwater Stream
Water body length / area: 231 Miles

Water body uses: Aquatic Life Use, Contact Recreation Use, General Use, Fish Consumption

Use, Public Water Supply Use

Standards Not Met in 2002 Assessment Area	Use	Support Status	Parameter	Category
Pharr International Bridge to downstream of the Santa Ana Wildlife Refuge	Contact Recreation Use	Not Supporting	bacteria	5c

Additional Information: The aquatic life, public water supply, fish consumption and general uses are fully

supported.

2002 Concerns:			
Assessment Area	Use or Concern	Concern Status	Description of Concern
2.5 miles downstream of Falcon Dam to Fronton	Nutrient Enrichment Concern	Concern	total phosphorus
Pharr International Bridge to downstream of the Santa Ana Wildlife Refuge	Public Water Supply Concern	Concern	chloride in finished drinking water
Pharr International Bridge to downstream of the Santa Ana Wildlife Refuge	Public Water Supply Concern	Concern	sulfate in finished drinking water
Pharr International Bridge to downstream of the Santa Ana Wildlife Refuge	Public Water Supply Concern	Concern	total dissolved solids in finished drinking water

Monitoring sites used:		
Assessment Area	Station ID	Station Description
2.5 miles downstream of Falcon Dam to Fronton	13186	RIO GRANDE BELOW RIO ALAMO NEAR FRONTON
2.5 miles downstream of Falcon Reservoir	13187	RIO GRANDE 2.5 MI. BELOW FALCON DAM AT DIVERSION STRUCTURE

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Monitoring sites used:		
Assessment Area	Station ID	Station Description
2.5 miles downstream of Falcon Reservoir	13188	RIO GRANDE U. S. TAILRACE AT FALCON DAM AND END OF FM 2098
25 miles upstream of Anzalduas Dam	13664	RIO GRANDE 0.5 MI. BELOW ANZALDUAS DAM, 12.2 MI. FROM HIDALGO
25 miles upstream of Los Ebanos	13184	RIO GRANDE AT SH 886 NEAR LOS EBANOS
25 miles upstream of Los Indios	10249	RIO GRANDE 6.3 KM DOWNSTREAM FROM SAN BENITO PUMPING PLANT, 15.3 KM SW OF SAN BENITO
25 miles upstream of River Bend Boat Ramp	13179	RIO GRANDE NEAR RIVER BEND BOAT RAMP APPROXIMATELY 5 MI. WEST OF BROWNSVILLE ON US 281
25 miles upstream of the El Jardin Pump Station	13177	RIO GRANDE EL JARDIN PUMP STATION, AT LOW WATER DAM 300 FT. BELOW INTAKE
Anzalduas Dam to US 281 in Hidalgo	13181	RIO GRANDE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE AT US 281 AT HIDALGO
Fronton to Rio Grande City	13185	RIO GRANDE AT FORT RINGGOLD 1 MI. DOWNSTREAM FROM RIO GRANDE CITY
Pharr International Bridge to downstream of the Santa Ana Wildlife Refuge	13180	RIO GRANDE BELOW EL ANHELO DRAIN SOUTH OF LAS MILPAS
US 281 to the Pharr International Bridge	15808	RIO GRANDE 200M UPSTREAM OF PHARR INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE (US281)

Historical fish kills:			
Date	Location	Fish Killed	Suspected Cause
10/9/1996	Brownsville, the Town Resaca, upper end near Corera Street	9	Low Dissolved Oxygen
8/4/1999	Los Indios pumping station #2 to highway 281	439	Pollutant
8/31/1999	Canal west of Santa Ana Wildlife Refuge	150	Low Dissolved Oxygen
10/7/2000	Rio Grande at El Jardin pump station	485	Unknown